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Dear Prof. Watson

I received your letter this morning & am very glad that you opened the box. I was not aware that those three volumes contained anything particularly valuable -

Mr. James generally kept them down stairs to show to visitors who wished to see some of his work. I think the greater part of the specimens were put in nearly twenty years ago - I know he sent them to the Botanical Ex. in 1876. I only wished to keep them for the children; but of course if they are of value they belong to the Herbarium with the three mosses you purchased.

I have an impression that there
are in newspaper book packages,
many mounted & named mosses;
could you select some duplicates
or unimportant specimens & lay
them in one of the blank volumes
I sent up - so that I could thus keep
some specimens of their Father's
work for the children -

The little volume of Kane mosses Mr.
James made up for me -

Thanking you for writing to me
at once about them.

Believe me truly yours

Isabella James -

P.S. - I shall probably send the Ex-
press man for the box on Saturday -